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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The November 2009 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 136 (1991=100) was up 5 points from October's level but down 6 points from November 2008. The mid-November price for soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, all milk, and eggs increased from October. The mid-month price for corn decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for soybeans and winter wheat increased from the November 2008 level. The mid-November price for corn, all hogs, all milk, and eggs decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 98 was up 9 points from last month's index but 8 points below November 2008. The Crop Price Index of 160 was up

3 points from the index last month but 5 points below the previous year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 2009 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Item	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2008	October 2009	November 15 2009	November 2008	October 2009	November 15 2009
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	4.04	3.70	3.65	4.26	3.61	3.64
Soybeans	Bu.	9.47	9.49	9.60	9.39	9.44	9.48
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.82	3.77	4.44	5.65	4.26	4.50
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	3.00	2.03	2.00
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	149.00	106.00	107.00
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	165.00	109.00	110.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	113.00	98.50	99.10
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.360	.310	.281
All Hogs	Cwt.	43.70	39.70	42.00	40.70	37.80	40.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.10	40.60	42.40	41.00	38.30	40.20
Sows	Cwt.	40.30	30.20	38.50	36.20	27.60	35.80
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	84.30	79.20	79.80
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	<u>3/</u>	1300.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1240.00	
All Milk	Cwt.	18.60	15.00	15.50	17.10	14.20	15.00
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	18.60	15.00	<u>4/</u>	17.10	14.20	15.00
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	16.90	13.50	14.40
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.890	.650	.870	.900	.635	.879
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.586	.521	.544

^{1/} Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. ^{2/} Mid-month Price. ^{3/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July and October. ^{4/} Only Whole-month Price published. ^{5/} Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Monthly estimates discontinued. ^{7/} Not Published.

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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UP 24 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2009. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 11-17, 2009 totaled 47,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.17.

There were 1,092,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 11-17, 2009, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 807,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 285,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.91 per hour during the October 2009 reference week, up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.25 per hour, up 20 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.23 per hour compared with \$10.21 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.24 per hour, was up 15 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 39.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 6 percent from a year ago.

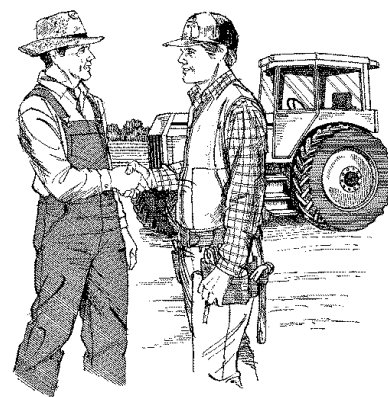
HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2008-2009 ^{1/} _{2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Thousands				
Hired Workers on Farms	38	47	804	807
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	27	29	577	585
149 Days or Less	11	18	227	222
Hours				
Hours Worked Per Week	37.2	33.6	41.4	39.0
Dollars Per Hour				
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	10.31	11.30	10.05	10.25
Livestock	10.05	10.51	10.21	10.23
Field & Livestock	10.25	11.00	10.09	10.24
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.60	11.17	10.70	10.91

^{1/} Reference weeks were October 11-17 in 2009 and October 12-18 in 2008.

Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

_{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2009 were greater than year earlier levels for butter and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 14 percent from last month but up 31 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 6 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 1 percent from last year.

Stocks of pork bellies were down 4 percent from last month but up 71 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2009 were down 8 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month and down 20 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 17 percent from last month and down 12 percent from October 31, 2008.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2009 totaled 159.9 million pounds, slightly below a year earlier. Total live weight of the 4,000 cattle killed totaled 4.2 million pounds. Total live weight of the 789,900 hogs killed totaled 208.7 million pounds. The 4,000 sheep slaughtered during October 2009 totaled 461,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at

1,312 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83,600 head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

Species	Indiana				United States			
	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	4.7	4.0	34.7	35.7	2,989.1	2,885.6	29,177.0	27,981.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,056	1,057	1,061	1,055	1,303	1,312	1,278	1,291
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	5,012	4,247	36,807	37,675	3,882,244	3,772,461	37,160,517	36,042,164
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	95.6	83.6	781.3	770.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	244	249	261	251
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	23,003	20,594	200,965	191,626
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	791.7	789.9	6,933.8	7,084.2	10,746.1	10,319.4	96,984.0	94,290.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	263	264	261	265	269	272	268	271
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	208,399	208,674	1,811,303	1,877,768	2,892,531	2,800,158	25,933,396	25,487,464
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.1	4.0	23.2	31.8	225.3	218.8	2,132.2	2,062.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	112	115	108	109	133	131	137	136
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	239	461	2,508	3,476	29,903	28,624	291,096	281,037

^{1/} Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 15,000,

600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 579,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during October, 12 percent below 2008.



OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 546 million eggs during October 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.2 million, was up 1 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,354 eggs per 100 layers, was 3 percent above last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.69 billion during October 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of

which 990 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2009 averaged 336 million, up slightly from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2008. Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2009 totaled 37.4 million, down 7 percent from October 2008. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on November 1, 2009, up 3 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2008-2009

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,802	23,198	97	334,937	335,674	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,281	2,354	103	2,277	2,292	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	543	546	101	7,625	7,692	101
Table Eggs (millions)	530	533	101	6,538	6,633	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	13	100	1,088	1,060	97
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	40,198	37,406	93
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	740,964	728,909	98

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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